thee hence Satan, the arch enemy departed, leaving the victorious Christ, on the summit. Not for long, was he left alone. The Father showed the same loving, and watchful care, in the man Jesus, as for the babe in the manger, by sending bands of angels to minister unto him, and to sing songs of triumphant praise. From that time, Jesus began ministering to others, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to great multitudes.

Our Heavenly Parent, has continued through the centuries, to choose from among men, such as shall follow the example of Christ, in battling for his cause. The most renowned of all the chosen, since Christ was St. Paul. His knowledge of teachers of the word, caused him to utter the following rather figurative, but expressive language. "How beautiful are the feet of them, that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." We too, would say a word for preachers though not with the eloquence of Paul, nor with the chivalric spirit of that hero of imagination,——do we enlist.

We would be content to have the gift of persuasive argument, that we might be successful in espousing the cause of those, who labor so untiringly for the spiritual good of man. In this enlightened age, the call of every church is for a minister, who has in his possession the "pearl of great price." He must be intelligent, and highly educated also—faultless in social qualifications; and withall, must not appear antediluvian in dress. For these intrinsic traits, many think it his duty, to preach, "without money, and without price," not realizing time, and money expended in fitting him for the ministry. Others being more liberal, are willing to pay a small salary, thinking (it might be supposed) more would cause vanity and worldly mindedness. For such thinkers, here are some true pen pictures. Will presume Brother B. has a family. The wife must be educated, and accomplished, as she's expected to be a co-laborer with the husband and, in all church work (save preaching) and in fact, she must be leader in many things. In addition, home duties are the same for her, as other "house wives," yes! more: for is she not expected to entertain callers at all hours, whether in, or out of season? The "latch string" of the parsonage (as you know) "must be on the outside." When drawn within, the day is done, twilight has faded into the sombreness of night, and the world is at rest. 'Tis then, this tired wife, and mother, who has worn smiles for others, "the live long day" can be seen, with buried head and pensive brow, till the clock chimes the midnight hour, remodeling a dress, or repairing rents of the day; so children, may appear presentable for, be it remembered, preachers children are not unlike others; are just as full of frolicking fun and in consequence, the wear and tear of clothes, is almost incredible. No doubt, when work is laid aside the thought often goes up in a sigh, from that mother's heart as she tries to conjecture, how the wardrobe is to be replenished, and the larder renewed.

It is our privilege to say with "The Psalmist"—"the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places, and have a goodly heritage." Being thus favored, as christian believers, we should feel it an "Imperative Duty" to minister promptly, and liberally, to the temporal needs of those who are ever willing to rehearse the old, yet ever new, true, and pathetic story, of "God's so loving the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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PLANS FOR THE COLLEGE.

I read with interest the articles of Dr. Garst and David Baily on the College; but I did not think that the discussion should stop there. It seemed to me that these Brethren were careful not to express themselves positively on points but rather so as to provoke comments. For these I have been looking, but in vain. Supposing that others may be waiting in the same way, I will give my own views on the question.

It would be very easy to lay out a course of study and secure a competent corps of instructors if we had the money. We have the buildings, and the location to do a big business, but we do not have the capital. To open a College in the great educational state of Ohio and compete with the already successful and wealthy schools of this kind takes more money than we can command. It makes little difference what we call it, but it makes a world of difference what course we adopt; for a course means nothing if it is not backed up by competent instructors.

My plan in brief is to secure one man or a few men in the Brethren church who will accept the use of the buildings for a specified term of years; say five to ten years, with the understanding that they conduct a Brethren school in the same; employing their help from the church the school shall represent exclusively, and put no other restrictions upon the brother or Brethren who undertake the enterprise other than to keep building in repair, etc. To help make the school a success the church will furnish one teacher and provide his salary, such teacher to be competent to organize and advance a theological course should their be any demand for such a course, and to specially seek to care for the spiritual needs of the school. In other words he is to look to the interests of the Brethren church in said school. The result would be, could competent men be found to take advantage of such an opportunity, that we would have a preparatory or normal school—for these are the only schools that I know of that are paying expenses. Of course there would be a commercial department and music department, for these are generally a financial success. I have thought over our prospective *Ashland College* a great deal and this is the only way that I can see to open the school in a practical way as a Brethren school. By such means we might hope to get a school started that the church would be very likely to want to take into her exclusive control.

I now invite criticism on this plan of opening the school. What would be our obstacles? How can the plan be amended so as to avoid foreseen difficulties? If this is not a practical way to open the school what should we do? If the very fine buildings and grounds at Ashland are to become the property of the church, it is time we are deciding what to do with such property.

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